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Disaster Assistance

Damage sustained from flooding and severe storms since May 10th is not included in the Governor's disaster declaration. However, anyone impacted by these latest storms may report their damage by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). This will help ensure all areas of damage from this latest round of storms are identified and documented and help bolster the case for a new disaster declaration. When individuals and business owners provide details of severe storm damage to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), that information will be recorded and stored where it will be easily available if a disaster is declared for storms from May 10th and continuing. Damage assessments for these storms are ongoing.

To apply for disaster assistance, individuals and business owners in Cleveland, Grady and Oklahoma Counties may call **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or go online at www.disasterassistance.gov.

FEMA has approved the state's request for disaster assistance which makes available federal assistance for housing repairs or temporary housing, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans for individuals and businesses to repair or replace damaged property, disaster unemployment assistance, and grants for serious needs and necessary disaster expenses not met by other programs.

Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief is providing meals in Lawton at First Baptist Church West and in Norman at the Union Baptist Associational Office. They are also offering classes to teach people how to properly clean and remove mold from flooded homes. Classes will be offered May 27-29 in Bixby, Durant, Elk City, Lawton, Norman, and Poteau. For more information, visit www.okdisasterhelp.org.

If your property was affected by the recent disasters, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recommends that you disinfect your well. Instructions on disinfection are available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/tornado/dsinfctwtr.pdf>. Additional information is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/tornado/index.html>.

- DEQ offers free bacterial testing of private well water due to statewide flooding. The free testing will be available until August 15, 2015. If you would like to test your well, call 1-800-522-0206 for more information, as well as sampling instructions and supplies.

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